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## **HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

## **NOTIFICATION**

The 6th June 2013

No. 17194—DC&MA(DC)-37/2012(Pt.)-H.—Whereas, the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (No. 23 of 1940) was amended by Drugs & Cosmetics (Amendment) Act, 2008 (No. 26 of 2008), enhancing penalties for various offences under the said amended Act and was passed by the Parliament on the 5th December 2008. The said Act has come into force on the 10th August 2009 Gazette Notification of Government of India as S.O. No. 2076(E), dated the 10th August 2009;

And whereas, one of the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Act, 2008 relates to constitution of special designated Courts for trial of offences relating to adulterated or spurious drugs wherein, it has been provided that the Central Government or State Government in consultation with the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court, shall for trial of offences relating to adulterated drugs or spurious drugs by notification, designate one or more Courts of Session as a Special Court or Special Courts for such area or areas or for such case or class or group of cases as may be specified in the notification;

And whereas, it is found that by the end of 2010, various drug cases numbering 381 were pending with different courts of law in the State and the expeditious trial of such type of cases needs creation of special courts;

Now, therefore, the State Government after careful consideration of the matter and in pursuance of sub-section (II) of Section 36-AB of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (No. 23 of 1940) and in consultation with the Chief Justice of Hon'ble High Court of Orissa have been pleased to designate the following Courts as mentioned in Column (2) of the Schedule appended hereto as the Special Courts for trial of offences relating to adulterated drugs or spurious drugs punishable under the sections as specified under the said Section 36-AB for the areas specified under Column (3) thereof in respect of such Court:—

## SCHEDULE

SI.	Location of	For the Districts
No.	Special Courts	
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	District & Sessions Judge, Koraput	Koraput, Nawarangpur, Malkangiri, Rayagada, Kalahandi & Nuapada.
2	District & Sessions Judge, Ganjam	Ganjam, Gajapati, Kandhamal & Boudh
3	District & Sessions Judge, Sambalpur	Balangir, Subarnapur, Sambalpur, Bargarh, Jharsuguda, Deogarh & Sundargarh.
4	District & Sessions Judge, Balasore	Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak, Keonjhar & Jajpur.
5	District & Sessions Judge, Cuttack	Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Dhenkanal, Angul, Puri, Nayagarh & Khurda.

By order of the Governor

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